

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A screen nozzle for a media retention screen, including:
  - a first plate;
  - a second plate defining ~~[[a]]~~ an aperture;
  - a screen element sandwiched between the ~~top and bottom~~ first and second plates, and
  - a means for attaching the screen nozzle to the media retention screen, wherein ~~;~~ ~~and characterised in that~~ the screen element is retained between the first and second plates by means of a rod extending through the interior of the screen element and through the aperture in the second plate with the second plate being retained on the rod by means of a removable retaining means.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ screen nozzle as claimed in claim 1, wherein first plate is a bottom cover which defines a central aperture, and the means for fixing the screen nozzle to the media retention screen comprise a nipple which is secured to the bottom cover by swaging.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ screen nozzle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rod is welded to the bottom cover.
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ screen nozzle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rod is welded to the nipple.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ screen nozzle as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rod is externally threaded and the ~~retention~~ retaining means is a nut.
6. (Previously Presented) A screen nozzle, comprising:

a nipple;  
a bottom cover;  
a top cover; and

a cylindrical screen element sandwiched between the top and bottom covers, ~~wherein characterised in that~~ the top cover is secured to the bottom cover by means of a threaded rod extending from either the bottom cover or the nipple through the interior of the screen and through an aperture in the top cover with the top cover being retained by a nut or the like.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ screen nozzle as claimed in claim 6, wherein the threaded rod is welded to the bottom cover.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ screen nozzle as claimed in claim 6, wherein the threaded rod is welded to the nipple.

9. (Currently Amended) A media retention screen comprising:  
a retention plate defining a plurality of openings; and  
a plurality of screen nozzles, said screen nozzles including:  
a first plate element;  
a second plate element defining ~~[[a]]~~ an aperture; and  
a screen element sandwiched between the ~~top and bottom~~ first and second plate elements, and wherein a said screen nozzle is attached over each opening in the media retention screen, and wherein the screen element is retained between the first and second plate elements by means of a rod extending through the interior of the screen element and through the aperture in the second plate element with the second plate element being retained on the rod by means of a removable retaining means.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ media retention screen as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first plate element is a bottom cover which defines a central aperture,

wherein the openings in the retention plate are threaded and the means for fixing the screen nozzle to the media retention screen comprise a threaded nipple.

11. (Currently Amended)      The media retention [[A]] screen ~~nozzle~~ as claimed in claim 9, wherein the rod is welded to the bottom cover.

12. (Currently Amended)      The media retention [[A]] screen ~~nozzle~~ as claimed in claim 9, wherein the rod is welded to the nipple.

13. (Currently Amended)      The media retention [[A]] screen ~~nozzle~~ as claimed in claim [[13]] 11, wherein the rod is externally threaded and the ~~retention~~ retaining means is a nut.

14. (Currently Amended)      The media retention [[A]] screen ~~nozzle~~ as claimed in claim [[14]] 12, wherein the rod is externally threaded and the ~~retention~~ retaining means is a nut.

15. (Currently Amended)      The media retention [[A]] screen ~~nozzle~~ as claimed in claim 9, wherein the rod is externally threaded and the ~~retention~~ retaining means is a nut.